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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 30, 2009. The one month shortened statutory period to respond will expire on October 30, 2009, making this a timely filed response to the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the following election and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner conduct a first substantive examination on the merits.